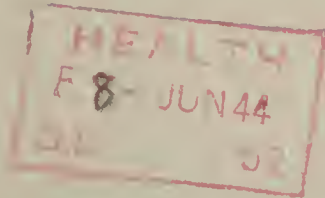


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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL of POCKLINGTON.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

As Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Pocklington, I beg to submit to you the following Report for the year ended December 31st, 1943.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CHARACTER AND
GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

Natural and
Social
Conditions
of the
District.

The Pocklington Rural District is situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, having York to the West and Great Driffield and Beverley to the East. It comprises 31 parishes, the total area of which is 101, 521 acres, or 158 square miles. The total population at the census of 1931 was 12,723; estimated at midsummer 1941, 13,360. The number of inhabited houses is 3,759 and the number of families or separate occupiers is 3,759 (normally). The assessable value is £45,600, the sum represented by a penny rate on that amount being £180. 10. 0.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is almost entirely agricultural, and the chief occupations are in connection with that industry.

The 31 parishes comprising the District also form the area of the Pocklington Guardians Committee. The ordinary cases of illness amongst the poor are treated in the Public Assistance Institution, cases requiring hospital treatment being sent to the Hull Royal Infirmary or York County Hospital.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE REGISTRAR
GENERAL FOR THE YEAR 1943.

		Total.	M.	F.
Births.	Births (Legitimate)...	201	94	88
	(Illegitimate)...	19	6	13
Deaths.	Deaths ...	169	95	74
Number of women dying in, or (From Sepsis0				
in consequence of, childbirth. (From other causes ...0				
Death of infants under 1 year of age :-				
Legitimate 10. Illegitimate 2				
Total 12				
Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0				
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) 1				
" " Diarrhoea (Gastro Enteritis)				
under 2 years of age 0				
" " Cancer (all ages) M... 13. F ...13.				
Total.26				

Prevalence of,
and control over,
infectious and
other diseases.

The number of cases notified during the
year was 64 as compared with 29 in the
previous year.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	6	6	1
Scarlet Fever	21	21	-
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) ...	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia and Puerperal Fever	1	-	-
Pncumonia	9	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-
Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	2	2	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	21	0	-
Tuberculosis (M	1		
(a) Pulmonary(F	1		
(Total	2	-	-
(b) Non Pul- (M	1		
monary (F			
(Total	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-

The number of deaths from Tuberculosis was nil and the number notified was 3. The cases of Tuberculosis are usually always notified but if not it is generally where a case is rapidly moved for sanatorium treatment, cases notified in previous years, or where a resident of the District dies outside the District.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Laboratory Work.

Medical men in the District can have bacteriological examinations made free of charge. The Council supply diphtheria antitoxin to any practitioners in the District who require it.

During the year 41 bacteriological examinations were made.

Fever.

There is no Fever Hospital in the District, but the County provide an Isolation Hospital for the District at Driffield, which has accommodation for 62 beds.

Ambulance Facilities for infectious cases.

A motor Ambulance is provided from the Driffield Isolation Hospital by the County Authorities.

In 1939 a sick bay was provided for treatment of Evacuees. The house, known as the Red House, Pocklington is spacious and well arranged for such a purpose. There are five wards each capable of accommodating four patients comfortably. Good work has been carried on throughout the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply. The whole of the district with the exception of Goodmanham and Market Weighton, Pocklington and Londesborough is supplied by the Regional Scheme from the springs in the chalk wolds. The supply is pure and abundant and is adequately protected from every source of pollution. The excepted villages have their own supplies.

In the event of interference with the Regional Scheme by Enemy Action alternative supplies are assured in all villages from private sources. Any supplies used would be chlorinated. Fifty nine new connections have been made during the year.

Salvage. A salvage of Waste Scheme was put into operation in the early part of 1940 and during the year 187 tons of salvage were collected and disposed of for £776. The scattered nature of the District made collection difficult and costly at first but the Council acquired a lorry which has done good work during the year.

Sanitary Administra- tion.	Dwelling houses inspected	200
	" " Notices served	68
	New Houses built	-
	Have building by-laws been adopted	Yes
	Dwelling houses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious disease	38
	Dwelling houses disinfected after cases of Phthisis	All
	Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary Infectious diseases	-
	Dwelling houses found overcrowded	-
	" " Newly drained	-
	" " Redrained	-
	Privies converted to W.C's	10
	" " " pail closets	-
	Offensive trades inspected	-
	Total number of nuisances found	39
	" " " abated	39

Some overcrowding in dwellinghouses must be acknowledged owing to circumstances.

Water Supplies -

Houses newly supplied with water mains	59
Samples of water sent for examination	16

Dairies and Cowsheds -

Number of dairies and cowsheds on register	650
Number of cows	2600
Visits to cowsheds and dairies	100
Defects found	15
" remedied	15

Common Lodging Houses -

Number on register	2
Visits to	4

General In- spection of the District.

The general inspection of premises, occupations etc., coming under the control of the Council is on a much larger scale than indicated by the figures. Many surprise inspections and visits are made and unless any special incident arises therefrom are not recorded.

Factories Act.

About 50 factories employ a number of hands. The remainder chiefly consist of one man businesses and number 105. The general cleanliness is satisfactory.

(5)

1940

1941

1942

1943

1944

1945

(5)

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Rag Flock Acts,
1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the area on which
Rag Flock is manufactured.

Schools.

These are inspected periodically. No case of
insanitary conditions was reported during the
year. Nearly every school is connected with the
Regional or other water scheme.

Housing
Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

Total -
(a) By the local Authority -
(b) By private enterprise -

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Frequent inspections are made of cowsheds and
dairies.

Action regarding tubercular milk or cattle consists
of reporting suspected cows to the Veterinary Officer
of the County Council.

No licence has been granted in the District for the
sale of milk under any special designation, and no
refusal or revocation of registration has occurred.

Milk and
Dairies Order
1926.

Registrations under the Order at the end of the
year numbered 650.

Each registration form sent out is accompanied
by a leaflet which sets out at length the provisions
of the Order.

Meat.

Central slaughtering has taken the place of the
individual slaughterhouses. The slaughtering
establishment not within the Council's area.

Systematic inspections are made from time to time
of all butchers' shops, fish shops, bakeshops,
common lodging houses, milk and meat purveyors,
fellmongers' premises etc.

Particulars of slaughterhouses -

	In Dec., 1933
Registered	12
Licensed	8
Total	<u>20</u>

Food and Drugs.

The food and drugs Acts are now jointly the
concern of the Council and the County Council.

In conclusion I consider the annual report is
quite satisfactory.

Infectious diseases are more numerous than last
year but comparatively speaking are not all excessive.
A large amount of work is done in connection with
the War but, in spite of this, a large number of
improvements have been carried out.

The children in the District are being immunised
in accordance with Public Health Regulations.

I am Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

AL. F. A. FAIRWEATHER, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

FAIRCOTE, POCKLINGTON.

